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SUBJECT - MIDDLE EAST WAR - BRITISH REQUEST FOR
INFORMATION REGARDING US RESUPPLY OF ISRAEL

1. THOMSON, ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY AT FCO, ASKED US
TO CALL TODAY. HE NOTED THAT WITH REOPENING OF
PARLIAMENT TOMORROW, OCTOBER 16, PRIME MINISTER WILL
UNDOUBTEDLY BE ASKED MANY QUESTIONS ABOUT MIDDLE EAST
WAR, INCLUDING POSSIBLY WHETHER UK IS IN ANY WAY
INVOLVED IN US RESUPPLY OF ARMS TO ISRAEL. THOMSON SAID
HE WOULD MUCH APPRECIATE IT IF US COULD GIVE SPECIFIC
ASSURANCES THAT UK IN NO WAY INVOLVED IN RESUPPLY
OPERATIONS, E.G., BY DRAW-DOWN OF US STOCKS IN UK OR
TRANSIT THROUGH UK OF US AIRCRAFT EN ROUTE TO ISRAEL.
WE TOLD THOMSON WE WERE NOT AWARE OF ANY INVOLVEMENT
SUCH AS HE DESCRIBED, BUT WOULD REFER HIS INQUIRY TO
WASHINGTON IMMEDIATELY.

. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE ON WHAT WE MAY TELL
THOMSON. REQUEST GUIDANCE REACH US NOT LATER THAN
OPENING OF BUSINESS LONDON TIME OCTOBER 16.

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